

provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Representatives Wolf, Obey and Sabo.

THIRD INTERNATIONAL MATH AND SCIENCE STUDY

Committee on Science: Held a hearing on Science, Math, Engineering and Technology-Third International Math and Science Study. Testimony was heard from Rodger W. Bybee, National Academy of Science; and public witnesses.

FOCUS ON WOMEN BUSINESS ENTERPRISES

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Government Programs and Oversight held a hearing with Focus on Women Business Enterprises. Testimony was heard from Jane Butler, Acting Associate Administrator, Financial Assistance, SBA; and public witnesses.

GSA LEASING PROGRAM AND POLICY

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Grounds held a hearing on the fiscal year 1998 GSA Leasing Program and General GSA Leasing Policy. Testimony was heard from Robert Peck, Commissioner, Public Buildings Service, GSA.

VA MEDICAL CARE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on the prevention of adverse events in the provision of VA medical care. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Kenneth Kizer, M.D., Under Secretary, Health; John Mather, M.D., Assistant Inspector General, Health Care Inspections, Office of the Inspector General; and the following Directors of VA Medical Centers: Elwood Headley, M.D., Boston; T. C. Doherty, Miami; and Bill Valentine, Muskogee.

MISCELLANEOUS TRADE AND TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS ACT; RECIPROCAL TRADE AGREEMENTS AUTHORITIES ACT 1997

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 2622, Miscellaneous Trade and Technical Corrections Act of 1997; and H.R. 2621, amended, Reciprocal Trade Agreement Authorities Act of 1997.

Joint Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—TRANSPORTATION

Conferees on Tuesday, October 7, agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House-passed versions of H.R. 2169, making appropriations for the Department of Transportation

and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST p. D1078)

H.R. 2209, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998. Signed October 7, 1997. (P.L. 105-55)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1997

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, to hold hearings to examine the President's use of the line item veto on the 1998 Military Construction Appropriations bill, 2 p.m., SD-192.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs, Subcommittee on Securities, to hold oversight hearings on the Financial Accounting Standards Board and its proposed derivatives accounting standard, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, to resume hearings to examine the proposed settlement between State Attorneys General and tobacco companies to mandate a total reformation and restructuring of how tobacco products are manufactured, marketed, and distributed in America, focusing on public health goals, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to hold hearings on the nomination of M. John Berry, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Policy, Management, and Budget, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Subcommittee on National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation, to hold oversight hearings on the feasibility of using bonding techniques to finance large-scale capital projects in the National Park System, 2 p.m., SD-366.

Committee on Foreign Relations, Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion, to hold hearings to examine the outlook and consequences of a new United Nations climate change treaty as the United States prepares for the December convention in Kyoto, Japan, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the pros and cons of NATO enlargement, 2 p.m., SD-419.

Committee on Governmental Affairs, to continue hearings to examine certain matters with regard to the committee's special investigation on campaign financing, 10 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on the Judiciary, business meeting, to mark up H.R. 1847, to improve the criminal law relating to fraud against consumers, S. 1189, to increase the criminal penalties for assaulting or threatening Federal judges, their family members, and other public servants, S. 474, to enforce regulations prohibiting the interstate or foreign transmission of gambling information against certain

computer service providers, S. 1024, to make permanent chapter 12 of the Bankruptcy Code relating to adjustment of debts of a family farmer with regular annual income, S. 1149, to provide for increased education funding, S. 900, Child Exploitation Sentencing Enhancement Act, and other pending calendar business, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, Subcommittee on Public Health and Safety, to hold hearings to examine support strategies for clinical research and alternative medicine research at the National Institutes of Health, 9:30 a.m., SD-430.

NOTICE

For a listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see page E1981 in today's Record.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities, hearing on the review of the Agricultural economic outlook, 9:30 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on Assessing the Department of Energy's Management of the National Laboratory System, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection, to mark up H.R. 1054, Internet Tax Freedom Act, 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, to mark up the following: Reading Excellence Act; and a measure to amend the Charter Schools Program, 10 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, hearing on H.R. 758, Truth in Employment Act of 1997, 2 p.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, hearing on "Conduit Payments to the Democratic National Committee", 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, to mark up the following: H.R. 1129, Microcredit for Self Reliance Act of 1997; H. Res. 245, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives in support of a free and fair referendum on self-determination for the people of Western Sahara; H. Con. Res. 130, concerning the situation in Kenya; and H. Con. Res. 121, expressing the sense of the Congress regarding proliferation of missile technology from Russia to Iran, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on International Operations and Human Rights, hearing on Human Rights and the Peace Process in Northern Ireland, 1 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Law, to mark up H.R. 1054, Internet Tax Freedom Act; followed by a hearing on H.R. 2592, Private Trustee Reform Act and the Executive Office of U.S. Trustee's assessment of post-confirmation fees in Chapter 11 cases, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, hearing on the following bills: H.R. 2603, Private Trustee Reform Act of 1997; and H.R. 2294, Federal Courts Improvement Act of 1997; and to hold an oversight hearing on the need for additional Federal District Court judges, 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, to mark up the following bills: H.R. 2460, Wireless Telephone Protection Act; and H.R. 1753, to provide for the establishment of not less than 2,500 Boys and Girls Clubs of America facilities by the year 2000, 9 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, oversight hearing on Pfiesteria and Its Impact on our Fishery Resources, 10:00 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands, hearing on the following bills; H.R. 2186, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance to the National Historic Trails Interpretive Center in Casper, WY; H.R. 1811, Columbia River Habitat Protection and Recreational Access Act of 1997; and H.R. 1477, to amend the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act to designate a portion of the Columbia River as a recreational river, 10:00 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Rules, to consider H.R. 2204, Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1997, 11 a.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Science, Subcommittee on Energy and Environment, to continue hearings on Countdown to Kyoto Part II: The Economics of the Global Climate Change Agreement, 9:30 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing on H.R. 145, to terminate the effectiveness of certain amendments to the foreign repair station rules of the Federal Aviation Administration, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, to mark up the following: Tax Corrections Act of 1997; and the Parents and Students Savings Account Plus Act, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Health, hearing on Health Care Waste, Fraud and Abuse, 10:00 a.m., 1100 Longworth